GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5767
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2001
APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF
C. SREENIVAASAN;MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT;PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR;SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have given a green signal to the appointment of a Chief of Defence Staff over and above the three Chiefs of the Armed Forces and formation of a Defence Procurement Board as reported in the Navbharat Times, Delhi dated March 28, 2001;

(b) if so, the date from which these decisions are likely to be made effective; and

(c) the details of likely effect on the three Forces of the country and on procurement of arms?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) to (c): The Government constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) on 17th April 2000 to thoroughly review the national security system in its entirety and, in particular to consider the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee and formulate specific proposals for implementation. The GoM has inter alia recommended creation of the post of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) to facilitate better utilization of national resources through establishment of requisite jointness amongst the Armed Forces, ensure inter se and intra se prioritization of the equipment related requirements of the Services and also facilitate single point military advice to the Government. The recommendations of the GoM have been presented to the Prime Minister on 26.2.2001.After examination and acceptance of the Report by the Government, action as required will be taken expeditiously.